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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and cited in the International Search Report and the German Search Report. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations of the Abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed, except for DE 92 09 648 U1 and DE 295 13 985 U1.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents with no English translation of the Abstract:

1. DE 92 09 648 U1, listed on the German Search Report, describes a device for reading a multifunctional card. The device has a housing (1) with an insertion slot (11) for a card (2). A fingerprint detection means (5) is provided for comparing the fingerprint with fingerprint data stored in the ROM components (3) of card (2).

2. DE 295 13 985 U1, listed on the International Search Report and classified as background art only, discloses a miniature reading device for chip cards, in which the housing incorporates an electronic circuit with a microcontroller as well as an LCD display. The electronic circuit and the LCD display are arranged on a printed circuit board in a chip card protection envelope. The electronic circuit comprises a microcontroller having an EEPROM circuitry.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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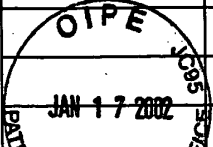
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DE 37 06 466 A1	Sep 8, 1988	Germany			Yes; Abstract only	
DE 92 09 648 U1	Feb 25, 1993	Germany			No	
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DE 42 31 913 C2	Jan 27, 1994	Germany			Yes; Abstract only	
DE 43 44 481 A1	Jun 29, 1995	Germany			Yes; Abstract only	
DE 43 44 608 A1	Jul 6, 1995	Germany			Yes; Abstract only	
DE 295 13 985 U1	Nov 2, 1995	Germany			No	
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